GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:169
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2013
CATTLE KILLED BY GURUVAYUR EXPRESS MISHAP
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are aware that at least 55 cattle were killed when Chennai bound Guruvayur Express rammed into a herd near Samaynallur in Madurai District;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to check the reoccurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a): Yes, Madam. Only 20 numbers cattle were killed.

(b): On 30.09.13 while Train number 16128 Guruvayur Express was passing from Samayur − Sholavandan stations, a group of Cattle trespassed suddenly at Km:479/800-480/000. 20 numbers cows were run over and killed by the train engine.

(c): Wide publicity and propaganda is being carried out among the local village administration. Field staff has been advised to counsel the owner/shepherds while observing herd of cattle near Railway track.